

Federal Technology Transfer

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The Federal Technology Transfer Act (FTTA) provides a mechanism for cooperative research and development partnerships with outside parties such as industry, academia, trade associations and State and local agencies. The FTTA provides government agencies with the opportunity to conduct joint research with industrial or institutional organizations and protect intellectual property that may be developed. The alliance that is formed through the FTTA program enhances the quality and scope of each partner's research program by removing barriers to collaboration, supports and improves US competitive positions worldwide, and encourages cooperative research and development with the goal of commercialization.

In addition to partnering with outside groups under cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs), the FTTA provides for the licensing of technology that has been patented by EPA employees. This can provide an additional source of income for EPA laboratories and for the EPA inventors, which can encourage further development of technologies.

The poster describes the FTTA program and its benefits and provides program statistics, including the number of CRADAs signed and resources associated with them and royalties paid to EPA inventors and laboratories. The poster also describes the role of EPA's Technology Transfer staff in providing support to EPA inventors and partners.